



JOINING WITH YOUTH: Fidel Castro marching with members of the Cuban Pioneers at XI Youth Festival in Havana. (AP Laserphoto)

Agee Starts Campaign To Uncover CIA Agents

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former Central Intelligence Agency agent Philip Agee has begun a worldwide campaign to uncover and identify every American intelligence officer working abroad.

Agee has given his followers detailed instructions on how to find the intelligence officers, demonstrate outside their homes and exert pressure to have them expelled from host countries. If this exposes an agent to possible danger, Agee said, it would be the responsibility of the CIA to transfer the agent.

The CIA and at least two senators are trying to determine how to stop him.

Agee revealed his plans last week in Havana at a Communist-sponsored World Festival of Youth and Students. He took the occasion to chair a well-publicized "tribunal" on the CIA. He called the agency "the Gestapo and SS of our time."

He also announced a new bi-monthly publication, "Covert Action Information Bulletin." A limited number of copies are circulating in Washington.

The first edition, which also carries the introduction of Agee's new book, "Dirty Work: The CIA in Western Europe," gave "as a service to our readers" the name of a man who was identified as the new CIA station chief in Jamaica, with alleged details of his previous posts.

"We will never stop exposing CIA personnel and operations whenever and wherever we find them," said Agee, who worked for the CIA for 12 years.

Agee said his new book carries "detailed biographies of more than 700 undercover CIA and National Security Agency personnel lurking in embassies and military installations in virtually every country on earth." He said he is going after the rest.

"The CIA probably has no more than 5,000 officers experienced in running clandestine operations and it should be

possible to identify almost all of those who have worked under diplomatic cover at any time in their careers," he said.

Commenting on the latest Agee campaign, CIA spokesman Herbert Hetu said, "The most frightening and frustrating thing to us is that people like this can do something like this and we have no laws to stop it."

"These things cost money. You don't hand out free copies without getting money from some place. I would love to know where they are getting the money."

Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, D-Ariz., told the Senate Intelligence Committee Thursday that Agee's citizenship should be revoked, and Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen, D-Texas, Friday urged the Senate to pass legislation as quickly as possible to make unauthorized disclosure of the identity of CIA agents a crime.

"I believe that anyone who so recklessly threatens the safety of our agents — as Mr. Agee does — should face the prospect of jail," Bentsen said. "There can be no tolerance of the warped mentality of those who so dangerously prejudice our security."

Asked if any action would be taken to stop the new Agee publications in the United States, a Justice Department spokesman said none had been requested.

The first 24-page edition of the bi-monthly bulletin was issued "at no charge" and readers were offered a \$10 rebate on future subscriptions if they paid \$24.95 for Agee's new book.

Agee resigned from the CIA in Mexico in 1969. Contrary to CIA regulations, Agee published his "Inside the Company" expose in 1975 without CIA clearance and has remained outside the United States. However, there is no existing law under which he could be charged.

He is now reported living in Rome after being expelled from several other European countries.